

Table 8.
Experimental Poverty Measures by Selected Characteristics: 2001

Characteristic	Official	MSI - NGA	MIT - NGA	CMB - NGA	MSI - GA	MIT - GA	CMB - GA
Total	11.7	12.4	12.8	13.0	12.3	12.7	12.9
People in families	9.9	10.5	11.0	11.1	10.5	11.1	11.1
People in married-couple families	5.7	6.6	7.1	7.1	6.6	7.1	7.1
People in families with a female householder, no husband present	28.6	26.7	27.9	28.1	27.0	28.1	28.3
People in families with a male householder, no wife present	13.6	15.2	16.2	16.0	15.2	15.6	16.0
Age							
Under 18 years	16.3	14.5	15.7	15.3	14.6	15.8	15.4
18 to 64 years	10.1	10.7	11.4	11.3	10.8	11.5	11.3
65 years and over	10.1	16.1	13.7	17.1	15.5	12.7	16.2
Race and Hispanic Origin							
Non-Hispanic White	7.8	8.9	9.1	9.4	8.4	8.5	8.8
Black	22.7	21.3	22.1	22.2	20.8	21.7	21.8
Hispanic ¹	21.4	21.9	23.4	23.1	24.4	26.3	25.9
Region							
Northeast	10.7	10.5	10.7	11.1	12.9	13.4	13.8
Midwest	9.4	9.9	10.1	10.4	8.7	8.8	9.0
South	13.5	14.7	15.3	15.4	12.5	12.8	13.0
West	12.1	12.7	13.3	13.5	15.1	15.9	16.1

¹Hispanics may be of any race.

Note: While the experimental measures differ among one another in their computation of medical expenses and geographic variations in costs, they are similar in their scaling of thresholds by family size and their treatment of noncash benefits and child care and work-related expenses. See text and footnotes for additional information and references.

MSI = Medical out-of-pocket expenses (MOOP) subtracted from income

MIT = MOOP included in the thresholds

CMB = Combined methods

NGA = No geographic adjustment for housing costs

GA = Geographic adjustment for housing costs

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2002 Annual Demographic Supplement.